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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
KUDAT and SANDAKAN	"BORNEO" Capt. F. J. Smith	THURSDAY, 23rd Dec., 3 P.M.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP and HAMBURG	"GOEBEN" R. Wilhelm	WEDNESDAY, 29th December, Noon.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"DERFFLINGER" Capt. G. Meiners	About WEDNESDAY, 29th December.
MANILA, YAP, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MEL- BOURNE	"FRANZISMUND" Capt. D. Lens	FRIDAY, 31st Dec., Daylight.
YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"COLENT" Capt. D. Lens	About SATURDAY, 8th January.

For further Particulars, apply to

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
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GENERAL AGENTS, HONGKONG & SHINA.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1909.

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TO and FROM JAPAN via SHANGHAI.

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL ON
SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA	"NERA"	Marthe	3rd Jan., P.M.
MARSEILLES, VIA PORTS	"POLYNESIE"	Eroc	4th Jan., at 2 P.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA	"TOURANE"	Bourge	17th Jan., P.M.
MARSEILLES, VIA PORTS	"OCEANIE"	Seller	18th Jan., at 2 P.M.

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Hongkong, 21st December, 1909.

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Hongkong, 19th November, 1909.

Intimation.

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THE YOKOHAMA DOCK CO., LTD.
(INCORPORATED IN JAPAN)

No. 1 DOCK.	No. 2 DOCK.	No. 3 DOCK.
Docking Length.....515 ft.	Docking Length.....376 ft.	(IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION.) Docking Length.....481 ft.
Width of Entrance... 80 "	Width of Entrance... 50 "	Width of Entrance... 63 "
Water on Blocks..... 28 "	Water on Blocks... 26 "	Water on Blocks..... 21.5 "

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The plant and tools are of recent pattern for dealing quickly and cheaply with work and a large stock of material is always at hand, (plates and angles all being tested by Lloyd's surveyors).

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Tenders will be made up when required and the workmanship and material will be guaranteed.

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Yokohama, April 28th, 1909.

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THE best TONIC for keeping in perfect health in the Tropics.
It is a liquid food in predigested form, containing all the bracing, soothing, and toning effects of the choicest hops. Nearly Non-alcoholic.
Highly recommended by the local medical profession in cases of Debility after Malaria, from overwork or other causes, Anemia, Nervousness or Dyspepsia. Samples on application.
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Hongkong, 13th December, 1909.

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XXX Very Old Fine\$2.50
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FRENCH STORE,
Sole Agent,
Hongkong, 30th April, 1909.

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NEW JEWELLERS
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CEYLON PRECIOUS
STONES
of every description, and
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Hongkong, 21st August, 1909.

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THE ONLY GARAGE IN TOWN.
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FOR HIRE and SALE.
GENERAL REPAIRERS
OF
TYPEWRITERS, BICYCLES
and MOTORS.
DRAGON CYCLE DEPOT,
33 and 35 De Vries Road.
Hongkong, 21st August, 1909.

BOULION.
Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Co's Circular, dated London, November 5, contains the following:—
Gold.—The arrivals of bar gold amounted to £550,000, of which the Bank of England secured about £300,000. The bulk of the remainder was required for India, the demand being still on a large scale.
The shipment of sovereigns to India, noted below, is the result of the harmonious working of the scheme which maintains the equilibrium of Indian exchange. When the supply of India Council Bills and T.T. is insufficient to meet the demand, and the exchange moves high enough over 18.40 to cover the cost of freight, insurance and loss of interest, sovereigns are shipped from this side. Such shipments contribute to replace the gold previously lost when, as a consequence of famine, exports from India fell off and the exchange, therefore, was inclined to dip substantially below 18.40 (15 rupees to the pound sterling), necessitating the letting out of gold on the part of the Indian Government to check further fall.
The policy of the India Council in deciding to meet the demand for remittances to India, by increasing their sales of bills from 40 lacs to 60 lacs, must exercise a profound and beneficial effect upon exchange. Moreover, by selling at practically gold point and investing the proceeds in Treasury Bills, the gold reserve held against currency in India is manifestly strengthened and advantaged.
The lower French exchange, combined with easier rates of discount here, has resulted in diminished arrivals of sovereigns and eagles from Paris; on the other hand, most of the shipments to South America are still being made from New York.
The following amounts were received by the Bank of England:—
Nov. 18 124,000 in bar gold
" 19 97,000 " "
" 20 9,000 " "
" 23 80,000 " "
" 31 318,000 " U.S.A. gold coin from France.
" 200,000 " sovereigns from France.
" 24 122,000 " bar gold.
Withdrawals were made at under:—
Nov. 18 345,000 in sovs. for India.
" 19 50,000 in sovereigns for South America.
" 19 6,000 in sovereigns for South Africa.
The net influx amounts to £569,000 during the week.
Silver.—The steadiness of the market continues, and the price has not varied during the whole week from 23 1/2 for cash and 23 7/16 for 3 mos.
The cash quotation has moved within the narrow limits of 23 1/2 and 23 7/16 during the last three weeks.
The absence of any immediate prospect of much lower prices has led to daily covering on the part of "bears" whose commitments were falling due, and, as the apparent supplies are unusually small owing to Consignee orders, the steadiness of the price is readily accounted for.
This long continued absence of fluctuations has resulted in a more or less complete cessation of speculative business and even "scalpers" are comparatively idle.
Reports as to the cotton crop in India are exceedingly good; the total reaches a record of 5 1/2 million bales equal to about half the crop raised by the United States of America. When we take into consideration the present high price of cotton, the finance of this abnormal crop throws light on the strain on the Indian exchange to which we have already referred.
A shipment of 100,000 oz. has been made from San Francisco to the Far East.

Intimations.
"SOLIGNUM."
A PERFECT preservative stain for Wood, Stone, and Brickwork.
It protects against Decay, Fungus, Dry Rot, the Ravages of Insects and Vermin (especially the white ant) and the action of the weather.
"Solignum" really does what is claimed for it as may be seen from the testimonials of the Governments of India, the Sudan, &c.
In Drums and Barrels of various colours.
Prospectus and all further information from
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Sole Agents.
Hongkong, 7th December, 1909.

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This successful and highly popular remedy, used in the Continent for years by the Medical, Veterinary and other, combines all the desiderata to be sought in a medicine of the kind, and surpasses every other remedy.
THERAPION No. 1 is a powerful cathartic, acting on the bowels, the use of which does not produce any harmful effects on the system, and is especially adapted for the treatment of constipation, indigestion, and all diseases for which it has been too much a fashion to employ mercury, purgatives, &c., to the destruction of the system and the health of the patient. The remedy purifies the whole system, cleanses the blood, and the result is a healthy and vigorous condition of the body.
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LATEST METHODS OF DENTISTRY.
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Hongkong, 30th June, 1909.
Dr. M. H. CHAN,
THE LATEST METHOD
OF THE
AMERICAN SYSTEM OF DENTISTRY
11, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1909.

Consignees.
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE Steamship
"BULOW,"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd of December, will be subject to rent.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 22nd of December, at 9.30 A.M.
All Claims must reach us before the 26th of December, 1909, or they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underpinned.
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
MELBOMER & CO.,
(General Agents,
Hongkong, 15th December, 1909.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS,
LIMITED.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM EUROPE.
THE Company's Steamship
"PEMBROKESHIRE,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co's hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.
Goods not cleared by the 26th inst., at 6 A.M., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.
All damaged packages must be left in Godowns, where they will be examined at 10 A.M. on the 19th inst. No Claims will be admitted after Goods have left the Godown nor will they be recognized if presented after 10 days of vessel's arrival here.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1909.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.
THE Company's Steamship
"KUISANG,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.
Cargo, impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M., the 23rd inst., will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1909.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.
THE P. & O. S. N. Co's Steamer
"SYRIA,"
Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.
This vessel brings on Cargo:—
From London, &c., 24 S.S. Mores and Persia.
Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 6 hours.
Goods not cleared by the 26th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.
Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representatives at an appointed hour.
All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.
No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.
E. A. HEWITT,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1909.

Intimation.

Powell's

Xmas

Bazaar

OPEN

UNTIL 6 P.M.

DAILY.

POWELL'S

ALEXANDRA

BUILDINGS.

28, Queen's Road.

Public Company

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER

COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above named Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 30th day of December, 1909, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the Subjoined Resolution, that is to say:—

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered

1. By inserting therein immediately after paragraph 4 of Clause VIII, a new paragraph as follows:—

5. Whenever the Capital of the Company is divided into several Classes of Shares, all or any of the rights and privileges attached to any Class may be modified altered sub-divided re-arranged or dealt with by Special Resolution of the Company passed pursuant to an Agreement in writing made between the Company and some member of the Class purporting to contract on behalf of the members of the Class provided such agreement shall be ratified by Extraordinary Resolution passed at a separate Meeting of the Class or by writing under the hand of the holders of at least two-thirds of the Shares of the Class and it shall be, no objection to any such Agreement that it provides for a reduction of Capital otherwise than in accordance with the legal rights of the holders of shares of the Class or for the payment of a dividend or bonus otherwise than in accordance with the rights of the holders of the shares of the Class or for the allotment of shares credited as fully or partly paid up in satisfaction or part satisfaction of such dividend or bonus and for the purposes of this Clause a Resolution shall be an Extraordinary Resolution when it has been passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of such members of the Class entitled to vote as are present in person or by proxy at a separate General Meeting of the Class of which Notice specifying the intention to propose the Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution has been duly given and so that the quorum of any such Meeting shall be three members at least of the Class and so that the Meeting shall be called in accordance with the provisions hereof.

2. By inserting immediately after paragraph 7 of Clause XVI a new paragraph as follows:—

8. Any General Meeting declaring a Dividend may direct payment of such Dividend wholly or in part by the distribution of specific assets and in particular of paid up shares Debentures or Debenture stock of the Company or of any other Company or in any one or more of such moneys and the General Managers shall give effect to such direction and where any difficulty arises in regard to the distribution they may settle the same as they think expedient and in particular may issue fractional Certificates and may fix the value for distribution of such specific assets or any part thereof and may determine that such payment shall be made to any member upon the footing of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of all parties and may vest any such specific assets in Trustees upon such trusts for the persons entitled to the Dividend as may seem expedient to the General Managers. Where requisite a proper contract shall be filed in accordance with Section 7 of the Companies' Act 1900 and the General Managers may appoint any person to sign such contract on behalf of the persons entitled to the Dividend and such appointment shall be effective.

Should the above Resolution be passed by the requisite majority it shall be submitted for confirmation to a further Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 21st day of December, 1909.
By Order, SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Intimations.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

PORTLAND CEMENT.

In Casks of 375 lbs. net \$5.50 per Cask ex Factory.

In Bags of 50 lbs. net \$3.45 per Bag ex Factory.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 14th August, 1908.

OSMAN & CASUM,

1 & 3, D'AGUILAR STREET

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HATS, RIBBONS, FLOWERS & FEATHERS.

MUSLIN and FIGURED VOILES.

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Samples on application.

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THE PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

RAILWAYS IN CHINA.

AMERICA AND THE "OPEN DOOR."

Washington, Dec. 7.

President Taft's Message to Congress contained the following references to affairs in the Far East:—The U.S. Government has maintained a fixed and unchanged policy in the Far East, advocating the principle of equal opportunity, and directing very careful attention to the maintenance of the territorial integrity of China. This policy was confirmed by the Powers in the East and West by the Treaty of 1905. The Chinese Government proposes to discontinue the like duty and to increase the Customs tariff in proportion, and also to improve the present system of currency. As these reforms in China will undoubtedly be of great benefit to the trade of foreign countries, just as the internal condition of China will also be benefited, the U.S. Government undertakes to assist the Chinese Government towards facilitating the execution of the proposed scheme, at the same time requesting the Treaty Powers to also give their support. The revenue of China from the like duty appears to be mortgaged to foreign banks in connection with a scheme for the construction of a great railway in China. It is evident that the foreign Powers, whose subjects or citizens hold Chinese railway bonds, have a direct interest in the carrying-out of the proposed reforms in China. The railway bonds held by the foreign Powers and capitalists show that the "open door" policy, which the Powers concerned are carrying into practice with the co-operation of China, is being practically and actually applied. The connection of the United States with the Chinese reform scheme, it is considered, will be of great advantage to America when these reforms actually appear in tangible shape. The great American bankers who enjoy world-wide credit for their immense wealth, at once agreed to take up the railway bonds immediately the U.S. Government endorsed the Chinese scheme. The principal condition of the railway loan is that the United States is to have an equal opportunity with other Powers interested in the loan of supplying the necessary material for the construction of the line. After a protracted conference in connection with her participation in the railway loan, the United States is obtaining a large share in the building of the great highway. This arrangement will give a real impulse to the American trade in China and will mark a new epoch in the politics and history of the United States in the Far East.

The Chinese Government has decided to set aside a portion of the Boxer indemnity from the payment of which the United States has released China, and to use the money to send students to America. The necessary arrangements for this purpose having been completed a few months ago, a large number of Chinese students will shortly arrive in America and will be seen at American schools and universities. No one can doubt that when these young men return to their own country, after completing their studies, and take up their work towards the advancement and prosperity of their country, the welfare of China will be enhanced. The Opium Conference held at Shanghai last spring was initiated by the U.S. Government, and the result of that meeting, as shown by the reports sent to the Government, showed that marked progress had been made in the work of the Chinese Government for the suppression of the evil. The U.S. Government supported the agitation for the suppression of the opium traffic, but feared that it would interfere with trade. As to other matters connected with the Opium question, the President has been authorized to issue strict orders for the control of the manufacture, sale and use of opium and preparations containing it. An Agreement signed between Japan and China on September 3rd last contained a provision which aroused public suspicion to a remarkable extent. In some quarters the Agreement in question was believed to be intended to secure for Japan a monopoly of the right to work the mines in the district along the South Manchurian and Antung-Mukden Railways, and to exclude American, and other enterprises from the said extensive tract of land. But after a full and careful examination of the Agreement and the official documents appertaining thereto, the U.S. Secretary of State came to the conclusion that Japan had no intention of securing a monopoly, as alleged. The matter having aroused very loud discussion, however, the U.S. Government interpolated the Japanese and Chinese Governments on the matter, and obtained an assurance from them that the provisions of the Agreement would in no way prejudice the principle of "equal opportunity."

The historical relations between Japan and America continue to be of the greatest cordiality. An Imperial Prince of Japan recently visited the United States as a representative of Japan, and a party of representative Japanese business men had been visiting the United States as the guests of the Chambers of Commerce of the Pacific coast, the representatives of which bodies were last year welcomed in Japan. There is no doubt that the exchange of such visits between the Japanese and American people will largely contribute to an increase of trade on the Pacific, and strengthen the mutual tacit agreement, which both nations respect. The Agreement of 1908 relating to the restriction of the immigration of Japanese laborers has worked successfully. As to the revision of the existing Treaty between Japan and the United States, which expires in 1912, the two countries have the matter now under consideration.—Japan Chronicle.

AN APPEAL

THE SUPERIORES of the ITALIAN CONVENT, CAIPE ROAD, begs most respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind patronage and support, and desires to state that she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Collars and Cuffs made on old ones.

Ladies and Children's Under-clothing, Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery Materials can be supplied, if required.

The Superiores will also be most grateful for any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES to be made into Books for the Children of the Poor Schools, who are taught by the Sisters.

Wongshau, 22nd April, 1908.

Intimations.

NOTICE

IN Terms of Government Notification No. 804 of 17th December, 1909, the following days will be observed as BANK HOLIDAYS:—

SATURDAY, 25th December.

MONDAY, 27th

SATURDAY, 1st January.

MONDAY, 3rd

Hongkong, 20th December, 1909. [865]

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

XMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN Terms of Government Notification No. 804 of 17th December, 1909, all FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on the following days:—

SATURDAY, the 25th December.

MONDAY, the 27th December.

SATURDAY, the 1st January.

MONDAY, the 3rd January.

By Order, A. R. LOWE, Secretary. [865]

MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

XMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN Terms of Government Notification No. 804 of 17th December, 1909, all MARINE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on the following days:—

SATURDAY, the 25th December.

MONDAY, the 27th December.

SATURDAY, the 1st January.

MONDAY, the 3rd January.

By Order, A. R. LOWE, Secretary. [868]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, TO-MORROW,

the 23rd December, 1909, at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, corner of Ice House Street,

A GREAT ASSORTMENT OF X'MAS TOYS, AND

A Quantity of BOOKS.

TERMS—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers, Hongkong, 21st December, 1909. [46]

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held TO-MORROW, the 23rd day of December, 1909, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of ONE LOT OF CROWN LAND at To-kwa-na comprising portions of the foreshore and sea bed, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sub.	Locality	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Sq. ft.	Annual Rent.	Provision.
1	At To-kwa-na, between the foreshore and sea bed, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.	100 ft. by 100 ft.	10,000	60s	15,750

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1909. [857]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on

FRIDAY, the 24th December, 1909, commencing at 11 A.M. at the Hongkong and Kowloon Godown Co.'s Godown No. 18 (Kowloon),

114 Bales RAW SILK and 114 Bales WASTE SILK more or less damaged by water ex s.s. "Prinz Ludwig"

TERMS—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer, Hongkong, 21st December, 1909. [863]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 28th and 29th December, 1909, at 10 A.M. at H.M. Naval Establishments,

SUNDRY OLD AND SURPLUS NAVAL AND VICTUALLING STORES,

Comprising:—

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Intimations.

BRITISH MUNICIPAL COUNCILS, TIENTSIN.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the position of ENGINEER to the British Municipal Councils, Tientsin.

Applicants should state their age, whether married or single, and should give full details of their previous experience, especially of their experience in China.

Canvassing will constitute a disqualification. The salary will be Tientsin Taels 400 per month, with medical attendance.

The selected candidate must pass a medical examination. Only copies of testimonials need be sent.

Applications to be endorsed "Appointment of Engineer" and to be addressed to The Chairman, British Municipal Councils, Tientsin; they should reach Tientsin not later than January 15th, 1910.

By Order of the Councils, W. McLEISH, Secretary. [861]

Tientsin, 8th December, 1909.

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TIME TABLE.

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On November 24, 1909, at Holy Trinity

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Road, of Shanghai, son of Dr. Duncan Main,

P. R. C. P. E., of Hongchow, China, to Florence,

youngest daughter of the late Clement Alexander

Middleton, Bachelor of Gray's Inn (one time of

Woodcote, Chislehurst, Kent).

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1909.

THE USE OF CHEQUES IN SIAM.

A very curious case which has just been decided in the International Court of Bangkok appears in the newspapers of Siam's capital and it is certain that the facts and the decision handed down by the bench will attract attention. The Court consisted of two Siamese judges and a British judge, and the judgment we learn was based on the opinion of the last mentioned. The whole point revolves around the question: What is cheating? Is it cheating to sign a cheque receiving for its face value and afterwards withdraw the money from the Bank before the cheque could be presented? That seems to us to have been the root of the matter which the Court had to decide. The defendant was charged under two sections of

the penal code with obtaining ticals 43 26 from a Mr. Crosby, who is in the British consular service, by fraud. The facts are interesting enough to warrant their being quoted in the written judgment. The defendant was sent down to Lakon Lampang in the month of July or August of this year. Mr. Crosby was at that time British Vice-Consul there and the defendant came to him for assistance. At that time he was ill and without means. He was sent to the hospital and before he was discharged a subscription was got up among the British firms to send the accused down to Bangkok. It is not very clear what the actual amount of that subscription was, but Mr. Crosby has told us that at the time the defendant was ready to go to Bangkok the amount required fell short by about Tcs. 50. Defendant however at that time had a small sum of money in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Tcs. 43 26, and had in his possession a letter stating that fact bearing the date the 22nd of June. He had shown this to Mr. Crosby on a previous occasion and Mr. Crosby has told us that he told defendant that if he gave him a cheque for his balance in Bangkok he (Mr. Crosby) would send him down forthwith. He very fairly says that he relied upon the letter from the Hongkong Bank. The cheque was filled in for the amount of Tcs. 43 36 by Mr. Crosby's clerk and taken to the defendant, who was at that time in hospital. The defendant signed the cheque and it was given to Mr. Crosby. It seems clear that Mr. Crosby, in accepting the cheque, relied upon the letter from the Bank and defendant's statement that at that time, viz., the date on which the cheque was signed, he had that money in the Bank. Evidence has been called which shows that this representation was in fact true and that the defendant actually had the balance at the Bank. He left Lampang about the 14th or 15th of September and proceeded to Bangkok. No money was actually handed to him before he left but he was given a further sum for expenses at Paknampho. On arriving in Bangkok he went to the Bank and drew out the whole of his balance on the 22nd September. The Bank of course were bound to pay him, as the money was still in their hands. The consequence of this was that when Mr. Crosby's cheque was presented in the course of the post two or three hours later on the same day, it was returned unpaid. These are the facts as detailed in the preliminary message of the judgment and what the Court set out to find was whether or not the action of the defendant in drawing out his money at a time when he knew that he had previously given a cheque which purported to be for his full balance to Mr. Crosby, was sufficient to bring him within the sections of the Penal Code. Section 304, the judgment states, defines the offence of cheating and Section 305 prescribes the punishment which shall be given if cheating is committed under circumstances specified therein. It follows that in order to convict under by section 305, the essentials of cheating as defined by section 304 must be fulfilled. Now under that section there must be either (a) the assertion of a falsehood or (b) the concealment of some circumstance which it was the duty of defendant to reveal, at the time of the commission of the offence, in addition to dishonesty. There is no evidence that a falsehood was told; in fact the whole of the evidence goes to show that the representation upon which Mr. Crosby acted was true. There is no doubt that he really relied upon the letter from the Bank. Now if defendant had in fact drawn out the amount mentioned in that letter before the time he gave the cheque to Mr. Crosby and yet concealed that fact and allowed Mr. Crosby to rely upon it, the offence would have been complete. Or, if the defendant, in order to induce Mr. Crosby to accept the cheque and so send him down to Bangkok had made any statement which was to his knowledge false at the time he made it, there could be no doubt. But a promise to do something in the future, even if the dishonest intention exists at the time the promise is made would not come within this section, and in this case there is no definite evidence that there was such a promise at all. The giving of a cheque is a representation that it will be paid on presentation, and if a dishonest intention is present too, might support a charge of cheating, if at the time it was made it could be proved that defendant knew when he gave it that it would not be paid. It cannot be said in this case that the evidence supports this view. There is ample evidence that defendant acted dishonestly in drawing out the money from the Bank, well knowing at the time that he would prevent the cheque he had previously given being paid. And from his own admission it is clear that he formed this intention at all events in the course of his journey down. It is not certain that he had any dishonest intention at the moment that he signed the cheque. His subsequent conduct is all to his discredit, and it is impossible to believe his story of sending a letter from Bangkok to cancel the cheque. Even if he had done so, it would not have materially altered the charge brought against him, it can only be said that it is done because the facts of this case do not bring it strictly within the

provisions of section 304 of the Penal Code. Such is the decision and a curious one it is. It is added that an appeal has been taken out by the prosecution so that the case is still *sub judice* and we are debarré from commenting upon it. But we await with anxiety the outcome for whatever the result one way or another, it will mean much for the continuance of business morality. When we saw that the prosecution had given notice of appeal, we looked to see whether any grounds were given in order that the application should be granted but none were submitted and the defendant who, as his counsel said, "had been declared not guilty and was now an innocent man" should be released on his own recognisances. To that the Court agreed and there the matter rests for the moment. But what a happy land Siam must be and how useful the handy cheque in that delectable country.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE British cutter *Bedford* arrived in port yesterday.

Mr. W. P. Ker, H. M. Commercial Attaché to the Legation in Peking, arrived from Shanghai to-day.

LIEUTENANT R. R. Rosoman has been appointed gunnery officer of the *Tamir* at Hongkong.

PRINCE KONINORI, Chief Priest of the Imperial Shrine at Ise, Japan, died on December 8.

It is believed that the str. *Kona Maru*, a vessel of 2,875 tons, which left Muroan for Yokohama on November 28, has been lost with her crew of forty men.

THE P. and O. S. N. Co.'s wall calendar for the coming year is of the usual artistic kind containing schedules of the Outward and Homeward Mails for 1910.

THE return hockey match between Queen's Collegeboys and the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Club will be played at a.m. on Monday, 27th inst., at Causeway Bay.

AFTER the recent heavy snow in Manchuria the price of beans rose considerably and this has caused the failure with great loss of a Chinese firm, dealing in this product.

SIXTEEN men appeared before Mr. E. R. Hallifax at the Magistracy this morning for gambling. The ringleader was fined \$100 and the rest \$1. A sum of money found on the premises was confiscated.

THE five Chinese who were yesterday charged at the Criminal Sessions yesterday with the alleged murder of a constable at the Cotton Mills some time ago were this morning found "not guilty" and acquitted.

THE *Gazette* announces, under date Foreign Office, Sept. 15, the King has been graciously pleased to appoint Arthur Robert Peel, Esq., to be His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of His Majesty the King of Siam, and also to be His Majesty's Consul-General within the Dominions of the King of Siam.

A CHINESE dispatch says that a suggestion has been made to the Ministry of Finance that with the advent of constitutional reforms China should follow the example of foreign countries and reduce the taxes on movable properties, while the taxes on real property should be increased. The Ministry has taken the recommendation into consideration.

THE trial of former directors and auditors of the Dai Nippon Sugar Refinery Company, whose alleged misapplication of the funds of the Company caused a great scandal some months ago, has been concluded. Sentences of imprisonment ranging from ten months to four years have been passed. In many instances execution of the sentences was suspended.

It will be remembered that in the Spring, the Ministry of Finance issued circular orders to the different provinces, asking Viceroy and Governors to deliberate on the question of increase of duties and *likin* abolition. As none of the provincial governments has presented a report on the subject, the Ministry has given fresh orders, urging that the matter be reported upon this year.

A CHINESE contemporary says that Grand Councillor Lu Ch'uan-lin has proposed that as the suppression of native opium is almost completely carried out, the British Minister should be consulted as to the question of curtailment of the period for the importation of foreign opium. Prince Ching, however, is inclined to defer taking any action until more definite information has been gained on the subject.

THE B.O.C. played the "Crailgenowais" at a friendly game of football on the Military ground yesterday afternoon. The Crailgenowais opened the scoring by an easy goal, which was soon after doubled by the "B.Y." who took things pretty easy till the end, leading by one. The game was cut short owing to the fading light. Most probably next year the Junior League will have a new team added to it.

THE following is taken from the *Manila Times* of the 16th inst.:—One of the Chinese passengers on the *Rubi*, which arrived yesterday from Hongkong and Amoy, tried to smuggle 10 goods but was detected by the examination of the passenger and baggage division and turned over to the secret service for arrest and prosecution. The Chinese in question had silk and other Chinese stuff safely hidden in the sleeves of his clothes and in other ways concealed in the articles which he brought in a box. The total value of the merchandise was about P100.

CANTON DAY BY DAY.

GOVERNMENT CEMENT FACTORY.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 21st December.

Yesterday morning H. E. Viceroy Yuan visited the Canton Government Cement and Brick Factory and inspected the works. The daily output of this factory is about three hundred casks of cement and about ten thousand pieces of red brick. The products of this Government Factory find a ready sale in markets outside Canton but it is insignificant in the city itself.

PONIES FOR THE ARMY.

A fortnight ago a consignment of over a hundred ponies, which were bought by the Canton authorities from Kalgan, for the use of the newly trained provincial troops, arrived by the s.s. *Shanui*. Another batch of two hundred ponies is to arrive here in a few days by the steamer *Wuhu*.

VISITING TOURISTS.

H. E. Viceroy Yuan is reported to have received a communication from the American Consul-General at Canton informing him that on the 23rd instant the large number of 600 odd tourists in all will come up from Hongkong by river steamers to pay a visit to the city. In consideration of the narrow condition of the streets, the Viceroy in reply asked the American Consul-General that it would be best to have these tourists divided into several parties, each not to exceed fifty persons in number, and to advise the visitors to do the sight in the city by turns in order to avoid congestion of the traffic. The Police authorities have been instructed by the Viceroy to give adequate protection to these tourists by issuing proclamations to warn the people not to create any disturbance. The Police are also required by the Viceroy to submit to him a report daily on the movement of the foreign visitors during their sojourn here.

VILLAGE ROBBERY.

On the 18th instant an armed robbery was committed in the Chip Gao village, in the vicinity of Fatsan. The robbers, about a hundred in number, entered the village and ransacked five houses. They were not satisfied with carrying away their loot but carried away also two villagers with them. Before the robbers were able to decamp, the village militia pursued them and eventually succeeded in recovering one of the kidnapped men while the other was nowhere to be found. During the chase between the two parties, three of the village militia were seriously wounded.

MAGISTRATE DENOUNCED.

A joint petition signed by fifty-two men has been forwarded to the Viceroy, denouncing the present Namhoi Magistrate. The Viceroy has handed the original petition to the magistrate asking him to make an explanatory statement to the charges brought against him.

THE MANILA CARNIVAL.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR LAND PARADE.

The *Manila Times* of 16th inst. says:—Final arrangements are being made for the carnival parades to take place in this city during carnival week. At a meeting of the land parade committee of which F. Wilton Springer is chairman, held last night, it was decided that the first parade would be a military one in which the Army, Navy and Marine Corps in these islands would participate. General Carver has been appointed Grand Marshall and will select his own aids. Mark L. Scott and George W. Hayward, who are a sub-committee on routes, have made a selection of a course of about six miles which will be submitted at once to General Carver for his consideration. The military parade will take place on the first day of the Carnival and on the following days a civic parade and an automobile parade will take place. All nationalities will be represented in the civic parade. The Chinese are showing much interest in the affair and have sent out Amoy to have a Chinese dragon constructed which will be one of the features of the procession. There will also be a troop of Chinese actors and dancers.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The following telegram was received at the American Consulate-General from the Manila Observatory at 7 p.m. yesterday:—

December 21st, 4 p.m. Cyclone or typhoon E. of northern Visayas or south-eastern Luzon, recurring northward.

A MEETING for children was held this afternoon at St. Paul's College, and was fairly largely attended. The Right Rev. Bishop Logan, D.D., Secretary of the Church Missionary Society, gave an address, which was followed with interest by the children.

UNDER date Saigon, 11th inst., Messrs. Wm. G. Hale & Co. write:—Old crop is almost exhausted, scarcely 35,000 tons being now left for which holders demand exorbitant prices. Prospects of the new crop are exceedingly favourable, and the out-turn is expected to be a very fair average. Early grain from some of the most favoured districts has already made its appearance in small quantities, but will come in more freely during the next month. Overtures from Europe have, so far, resulted in the settlement of some 50,000 tons, chiefly for France, for Feb. April shipment. These sales are more or less of a covering nature and have been effected in order to allow speculative sellers to pay off their freight engagements, which are considered to be very heavy. Java buyers, after rallying our market of some 10,000 tons for Feb./March shipment, now refuse to follow the small rise in prices, having, seemingly, overreached their purchases with Borneo. Rice prices, in order to counter balance the effects of the daily rising exchange and the general want of demand, have eased down considerably since our last advice, and our market now shows a decidedly downward tendency.

PROSECUTIONS BY THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

DAIRY PEOPLE CHARGED WITH SELLING ADULTERATED MILK.

Before Mr. E. R. H. Hinds, First Police Magistrate, at the Police Court this morning, Mr. Francis Clark, Medical Officer of Health, charged the master of a dairy at No. 40, Cochran Street, with selling milk not of the nature demanded by the purchaser on the 6th December last. Mr. W. B. Hinds, of Messrs. Brutton and Hett, appeared for the defendant.

Inspector Knight, of the Sanitary Board, stated that he went to defendant's shop on the 6th inst. and bought some milk for which he paid ten cents. He divided the milk into three parts and handed the sample to the Government Analyst for analysis.

A Chinese interpreter in the employ of the Sanitary Department disposed to accompanying Inspector Knight to defendant's shop, where he saw the inspector purchase some milk, for which he paid ten cents in Hongkong currency. He saw the inspector divide the milk into three parts.

Mr. Hinds (To witness)—How did he divide the milk? Did he fill one bottle and then another and so forth?

Witness—I don't know.

At this point, his Worship requested the Court interpreter to put a series of questions by Mr. Hinds to the witness, as the latter did not appear to grasp the meaning of Mr. Hinds' questions.

In answer to further questions by Mr. Hinds, witness stated that the inspector first half-filled one bottle, then another and then the third and did not re-fill the bottles.

Mr. Frank Browne, Government Analyst, stated that on the 6th inst. he received a sample of milk marked 40, Cochran Street which he analyzed. It was customary to take ten grammes for the determination. He took exactly ten grammes.

Mr. Hinds (To witness)—How did you get ten grammes exactly? It is a very difficult operation.

His Worship (To Mr. Hinds)—Mr. Hinds, you must remember Mr. Browne is the Government Analyst and an expert.

Mr. Hinds—Yes, your Worship, but to get ten grammes of anything on a scale is a very difficult operation even for experts.

Mr. Browne—No, it is not difficult at all.

The defendant also went into the box and stated that he was not in the habit of skimming the milk he sold to his customers and the milk he sold on the 6th December was good milk.

The Medical Officer of Health at this stage announced that a certain section in the Ordinance authorized a further analysis of the milk, which, he understood, the Government Analyst was ready to undertake.

Mr. Hinds stated that he did not think the section actually referred to a further analysis, but he was willing to agree to the suggestion. The case was adjourned till noon on Friday next.

WOMAN IN THE DOCK.

The same charge as that which has already been outlined above was then preferred against a woman. The defendant in this instance was not represented by a solicitor.

The Government Analyst stated that on the 6th December he received from Inspector Knight a sample of milk marked 56, Stanley Street, which he analyzed. Witness then proceeded to give the results of his analysis to his Worship.

The case was adjourned till noon on Friday.

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, Director of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 22nd at 12.05 p.m.—The barometer is steady over the Philippines, the "low" area apparently remaining almost stationary to the E. of the S. part of the Archipelago.

The barometer has fallen quickly in N.E. Japan, the Northern depression having reached the Pacific off the South of Hokkaido.

Pressure has increased in S.W. Japan and given way over China. Another depression appears to be approaching Manchuria from the Westward.

The highest pressure is shown over S. China. Strong monsoon may be expected over the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

FORECAST.

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood, N.E. winds, fresh to moderate; fine.
2.—Formosa Channel, same as No. 1.
3.—South Coast of China between Hongkong and Lamma, same as No. 1.
4.—South Coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan, same as No. 2.

SAYS a mail paper:—Captain De Horsey, who recently commanded the cruiser *Kent* on the China Station, is now the senior captain of the fleet, and next for promotion to flag rank. Captain De Horsey, who comes of a naval family, was specially promoted captain for his brilliant services during the South African War, including the action of Magerfontein and the capture of Pretoria. Prior to that he had earned much credit by his suppression of pirates in the northern parts of Borneo and the neighbouring islands and waters whilst serving with the China Squadron.

MANY here and in Hongkong will be pleased to learn that the new Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, in succession to Vice-Admiral Sir Hedworth Lambton, is Vice-Admiral Alfred Leigh Winsloe, C.V.O., who, until the recent reorganisation at the Admiralty came into effect was the Fourth Sea Lord. As Capt. Winsloe, this officer came out to the China Station in command of H. M. S. *Spartan*, that cruiser and her sister ship, the *Aeolus*, having been despatched together to join the Admiral's flag at Hongkong at a time of some political stress. The cruisers ran through the Singapore Straits one Sunday morning without calling at Singapore. Capt. Winsloe was formerly Senior Naval Officer at Singapore, and is still well remembered here. *Singapore Free Press*.

Telegrams.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

FORTHCOMING INVESTIGATION.

[By courtesy of the "Shung Po"]

Peking, 21st December.

The Ministry of Posts and Communications has deputed another official in the person of Lung Kin-cheng to Canton to investigate the affairs of the Canton-Hankow Railway.

Lung has already started from Peking.

LUK CHIN-LUM.

SEEKS RESIGNATION FROM THE GRAND COUNCIL.

[By courtesy of the "Shung Po"]

Peking, 21st December.

Grand Councillor Luk Chin-lum is getting more deaf day by day and is determined to tender his resignation.

THE NAVAL COMMISSIONERS.

RECEPTION IN PARIS.

[By courtesy of the "Shung Po"]

Peking, 21st December.

Prince Shun, the Naval Commissioner, has reported by wire his arrival in Paris where he was accorded a cordial reception and was banquetted by the President of the Republic.

THE REGENT AND THE PRESS.

READING OF NEWSPAPERS ADVOCATED.

[By courtesy of the "Shung Po"]

Peking, 21st December.

The Prince Regent has remarked to the Grand Councillors that the reading of newspapers conduces to the setting up of the official system upon a sound basis.

FOREIGN LOANS.

DETERMINATION TO PAY OFF.

[By courtesy of the "Shung Po"]

Peking, 21st December.

The Prince Regent has decided to take steps to pay off the foreign loans. His Highness appears to take much interest in the memorial on the subject presented by Tang Shau-chuen.

FOREIGN v. JAPANESE CEMENT.

TEST TO IMPROVE THE JAPANESE.

The Department of Agriculture and Commerce has amended the official regulations relating to the testing of cement. The *Osaka Asahi*, translated by the *Japan Chronicle*, remarks that Japanese cement manufacturers have been turning out large quantities of cement partly on account of competition in price among the manufacturers themselves and partly by the pressure of building contractors. As a result Japanese cement has lost its reputation and credit. Cautious builders are beginning to prefer imported cement even though they pay more for it. For the celluloid factory at Aboshi, now being built by the Mitsu Bishi, it was intended to use imported cement exclusively, but in compliance with an application made by Japanese cement manufacturers the factory agreed to use the Japanese product as well. However when tested about 40 per cent. of the Japanese cement supplied proved useless. Capitalists like the Mitsu Bishi and others, who have means of testing the cement will accept only good quality, and if building contractors continue to use bad cement for the purpose of making unprofitable profits out of their contracts, the Japanese cement industry will in time be ruined. Some of the manufacturers claimed that the official regulations relating to the testing of cement be amended, and strict measures be exercised to prevent the manufacture of bad cement. In compliance with this desire the Department of Agriculture and Commerce has amended the regulation. By this amendment a definition of the quality of Portland cement is clearly set forth, and the sale of cement which is not equal to the standard will be forbidden. The revision of the regulation has been diametrically opposite to the usual state of affairs. It is believed that building contractors will be the most seriously affected.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The annual distribution of prizes won by the successful students attending St. Joseph's College last year were presented at the College this afternoon. His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard occupied the chair and there was a large assemblage of the friends and relatives of the pupils, including Bishop, Rozoni.

Brother Christian, in submitting the annual report, said: "Your Excellency, My Lord Bishop, Ladies and Gentlemen, I have the honour to submit to you the report of the work done in the College during the past year. The total number of pupils on the roll was 450, while the average daily attendance was 400 as against 366 the previous year. At present we have a total enrolment of 486. The increase in numbers has necessitated the erection of two new classrooms which we hope to have ready for occupation towards the end of January. While the attendance on the whole has been fairly good, still I must say that many of our boys are kept home for very trifling causes. I would again remind the parents of the absolute necessity of regular attendance for progress in studies. The monthly examinations and weekly testimonials are still very efficient in securing constant and steady work. Such work enables the boys to cultivate industrious habits. The conduct of our boys has been very good, and on the whole they always seek to please their teachers. Our boarding department continues to give much satisfaction. We have as many boarders as we can accommodate. The health of the boys has been excellent, thanks to the unceasing care of Doctors Muller, Just and Hoch. Our Oxford results this year were very satisfactory. We presented 36 boys and all passed, viz. 7 Seniors, 14 Juniors, and 15 Preliminaries. J. B. Xuyen obtained Second Class Honours and Distinction in French in the Senior, while H. Ozorio secured Third Class Honours in the Preliminary. Six of our Chinese boys figured prominently among the successful students. A noticeable feature of the examination judging from the private results was the excellent pass which nearly all our boys obtained in English Composition. We are very much pleased to see that many of our boys are working hard to fit themselves for the Hongkong University with which Your Excellency's name will be for ever associated. Our shorthand and typewriting classes continue to do good work. Thirty-seven boys sat for shorthand certificates during the year. Twenty obtained first class certificates, thirteen entered for second class, and four for first class certificates, but the results have not yet come to hand. Our thanks are due to the members of the Shorthand Committee of Hongkong, especially to Mr. A. Ramsay of the *Daily Press*, for the facilities they have afforded in connection with the examinations. Twenty-eight boys follow the typewriting class. We have arranged with the National Shorthand Association of London for the holding of periodical examinations for typewriting certificates. Eight boys have entered for the first examination which we expect will take place in about a fortnight. Hygiene has been taught successfully during the year. We presented ten boys for the shield competition, but the results are not yet known. Our boys drill regularly in the College yard and take as much outdoor exercise as our limited playground accommodation permits. Football is still the favourite game of the Hongkong schools. Our boys take very great interest in it. For the first time we won both trophies: our first team won the Schools' Football Shield, and our junior team won the beautiful cup presented by Your Excellency to the schools of the Colony. (Applause.) The library in connection with our Oxford Class is still a source of pleasure and profit to our boys. We have considerably enlarged it during the year, and it numbers at present close on five hundred volumes.

THE GOVERNMENT REPORT.
In the month of June Mr. Irving made his annual examination and reported as follows:—
Staff.—Brother Christian, 11 assistant masters, and 2 Chinese assistant teachers.
Discipline.—Very good.
Organization.—The large number of Chinese in the lower standards constitutes a blot on the otherwise excellent organization of the school. They do not have to pass an entrance examination in Chinese, and the time given to the subject being only three-quarters of an hour a day, it is impossible for them to acquire any real proficiency. They seldom remain at the school above Standard III, and thus are not a real strength to it except by swelling the grant.
Sanitation.—Very satisfactory.
Apparatus.—Very satisfactory.
Floor Space.—Sufficient for 512 pupils.
English Subjects.—English composition is very good in the higher standards. In the lower standards there is very little to criticize in the treatment of these subjects.
Geography.—It is not taught very interestingly in Standard IV. Time is wasted over definitions that seem too verbose to be really intelligible to children, but which are yet not scientifically accurate.
Handwriting.—Is good, though I do not care for the large upright hand of the copy books.
Reading.—The Chinese master in one of the divisions of Class I in taking the reading speaks much too fast and clips his words badly.
Mathematics.—The teaching of geometry is very much improved as compared with what it was a few years ago. It is now taught in a very practical way. Papers set in algebra and arithmetic were very well answered by the highest standards.
Drawing.—It seems a great pity that, instead of beginning Chinese boys with drawing rectangular models with a pencil, brush work is not taught, and the pupils' wonderful facility in using the Chinese writing brush is not made use of. It has proved very successful in schools at home to begin with drawing simple objects from nature such as fruit, as interest is thus created. The practice of confining lessons to fresh and models, is very apt to convey the idea to children that drawing is a thing of the schoolroom.
Chinese.—The studies are not pursued far enough to make them really valuable, and the

pupils leave after about three years' study. The subject is well taught so far as it goes.

Grant.—I recommend a grant at the rate of 35/- and report the school to be thoroughly efficient.

It now remains for me, sir, to thank you for having so kindly consented to give away the prizes to the successful pupils. I also thank His Lordship the Bishop for once more honouring us by his presence here to-day, and for the valuable prize he has presented to the most deserving boy in the Oxford Class. I have also the pleasure of thanking Admiral Sir Hedworth Lambton for the honour he has conferred on us by permitting us to include his name in our list of prize donors. Mr. H. N. Mody, the well known gentleman whose name is connected with so many benevolent works in the Colony, and who has recently crowned his munificence by the princely gift which has assured to Hongkong for all time the benefits of a University education, has also accorded us the honour of being the recipients of his bounty. This gentleman has generously founded a gold medal to be given annually to the student who shows the greatest merit in English Literature. I beg to offer him my sincerest thanks for this valuable recognition of the work done in the College. Our thanks are also due to Mr. J. M. Alves who has generously offered a scholarship of \$5 for the best essay on "Co-operation," to the Catholic Union for their scholarship of \$5 for religious knowledge, and to Mr. Bellios for his scholarship of \$5 for English in the Oxford Junior. To the following kind friends who have contributed to the prize fund I also beg to extend my most grateful thanks:—
Consul-General J. J. Leiria; Mr. Gonzales de Berredo, Consul for Chili; Mr. J. R. M. Smith, manager, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank; Mr. Percy Smith; Mr. D. Dorabjee; Mr. J. M. E. Machado; Mr. Ho Tung; Mr. Ellis Kadonnie; Mr. Ho Fook; Mr. F. Tse Yai; Messrs. Kelly & Walsh; and Mr. E. V. Remedios. I avail myself of the present occasion to offer my hearty good wishes to one and all for a merry Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year. (Loud applause.)
His Excellency the Governor delivered a short address and then distributed the prizes.

PRIZE LIST.

The prize list was as follows:—
Chinese Department.—Standard I.—Lau Chung, General proficiency, English; Lui Sing, English, religious instruction; Yau Shun, Chinese; Nai Lun, Chinese; Wai Cheung, Arithmetic; Lo Sing, Arithmetic; Wing Hang, Penmanship; Fung Ming, Penmanship; Kwok Choi, Drawing; Fung Wing, Drawing; Man Ying, Religious instruction.
Standard II.—Leong Yu Wai, General proficiency, Chinese, arithmetic; Cheung Lam, Geography, English; Chae Yat Fook, English, Geography; Au Kai Chung, Penmanship; Lo Ah Moon, Penmanship; Yeung Tim Loy, Religious instruction; Wong Tai Sing, Chinese; Lui Yung, Religious instruction; Lo Tung, Drawing; Cheung Lun, Drawing; Yau Lung Hang, Arithmetic.

Standard III.—Chan Wo Lai, General proficiency, English, Chinese; Lam Shu Kwong, English, religious instruction, grammar; Chan Yung Yuen, Grammar, Chinese, geography; Wong Shum, Religious instruction, arithmetic, drawing; Li Kwong, Penmanship; Wong Fok Wing, Penmanship; Ma Wing Chung, Arithmetic; Liu Chiu Choy, Drawing; Gregorio, Geography.

Standard IV.—Kwong Ming, General proficiency, English; Ma Him, English; Yeong Po Nam, Arithmetic, hygiene, religious instruction; Lui Chun Sing, Arithmetic; So Shing Po, Geography, hygiene, religious instruction; Cheung Cheuk Kan, Chinese, geography; Lo Shu Fan, Penmanship, drawing; Tsui Hung Sao, Penmanship; Chan Wing Hun, Drawing, Chinese.

English Department, Standard I.—A. da Costa, General proficiency, English, arithmetic, catechism; Evaristo Remedios, English, geography, catechism; Julio Nunes, Arithmetic, penmanship; L. Gardner, Geography; L. Nunes, Penmanship.

Standard II.—M. Alaraki, Proficiency, English, arithmetic, geography; Francisco Leong, Drawing, catechism, arithmetic; Yeong Sin Cay, Penmanship, drawing; E. Sternberg, English; A. Hart, Catechism; A. da Luz, Penmanship; M. Ahmed, Geography.

Standard III.—R. Bumann, General proficiency, arithmetic, penmanship, drawing; L. Costa, English, penmanship, religious instruction; J. Costa, Drawing, religious instruction; C. Churchill, English; J. Gutierrez, Geography.

Standard IV.—A. Tavares, General proficiency, geography, hygiene, A. Osmund, Religious instruction, English, hygiene; F. Seto, Arithmetic, penmanship, drawing; M. Baptista, Geography, drawing; G. Reich, English; F. Collopy, Religious instruction; E. Barradas, Arithmetic; H. da Luz, Penmanship.

Standard V.—G. Carvalho, General proficiency, religious knowledge; English, mathematics, hygiene, geography, history; J. M. Braga, English, hygiene, geography; J. A. Rodrigues, Penmanship; L. Hyndman, Drawing, penmanship; E. Rozario, Religious knowledge, history; G. Suao, Drawing.

Standard VI.—A. Bisto, General proficiency, English, drawing, mathematics; F. da Luz, History, hygiene, drawing, shorthand; D. Brown, English, geography; L. Remedios, Geography; L. Ribeiro, Scripture, typewriting; W. Exira, Hygiene, mathematics; A. Castro, Shorthand.

Standard VII (Preliminary Oxford).—H. Ozorio, General proficiency, Scripture, history, English, drawing, mathematics; F. da Luz, History, hygiene, drawing, shorthand; D. Brown, English, geography; L. Remedios, Geography; L. Ribeiro, Scripture, typewriting; W. Exira, Hygiene, mathematics; A. Castro, Shorthand.

Standard VIII (Junior Oxford).—L. Rabat, General proficiency, English, Political Economy, Spanish, bookkeeping, mathematics, hygiene; D. Rozario, English, Political Economy, Geography, hygiene; R. Baptista, Scripture, history, shorthand; Cheung Kai, Mathematics, Chinese, shorthand; F. Gokke, Drawing, geography; J. Lopes, Scripture; J. Yan Loy, History; J. Gohap, Bookkeeping.

Standard VII (Senior Oxford).—J. B. Xuyen, General proficiency, Scripture, history, English, Political Economy, French, bookkeeping; J. Thana, Scripture, history, geography, mathematics, English, shorthand, typewriting; P. Prevost, Political Economy, French; J. Mayer, Typewriting; C. Sequiera, Geography, mathematics, bookkeeping.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Prize presented by His Lordship the Bishop, Rev. Mr. Pozzani for General Proficiency in the Oxford Junior, L. Rabat.

Prize presented by Admiral Sir Hedworth Lambton for Mathematics, Master Cheung Kai. Gold Medal presented by Mr. H. N. Mody for English, J. Thana.

Scholarship of \$15 presented by Mr. J. M. Alves for the best essay on "Co-operation," J. Thana.

Scholarship of \$15 presented by the Catholic Union for Religious Knowledge, J. Thana. Bellois Scholarship of \$15 for English in the Oxford Junior, D. Rozario.

\$10 presented by Mr. Percy Smith for Shorthand, J. Thana.

Gold Medal presented by the College for General Proficiency in the Oxford Senior, J. B. Xuyen.

Silver Medal presented by the College for General Proficiency in the Oxford Preliminary, H. Ozorio.

OXFORD CERTIFICATES.

Preliminary.—H. Ozorio, F. da Luz, W. Exira, B. Yeung, J. Pereira, E. Botelho, M. Mayer, A. Castro, J. Vales, L. Remedios, S. Baker, D. Brown, L. Ribeiro, L. Pasic, land, and P. Wong.

Junior.—L. Rabat, Cheung Kai, M. Barrenengoa, D. Rozario, J. Yau Loy, F. Gokke, L. Goothearts, J. Lopes, J. Rodriguez, R. Luz, R. Baptista, J. Mattos, J. Gohap, and V. Guierrez.

Senior.—J. B. Tran-Xuyen, P. Prevost, C. Sequiera, J. Thana, I. Mayer, R. Elias, and J. Silva.

SHORTHAND CERTIFICATES.

L. Goothearts, J. Rodriguez, F. da Luz, I. Mayer, J. Lopes, H. Ozorio, D. Rozario, R. Baptista, L. Ribeiro, L. Remedios, J. Mattos, M. Sternberg, H. Barrenengoa, L. Luz, Cheung Kai, M. Mayer, J. Pereira, F. Gokke, L. Rabat, and J. Vales.

THE MARRIAGE OF MISS HART.

A BRILLIANT GATHERING AT THE WEDDING.

London, Nov. 21.
The marriage took place at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Saturday afternoon of Mr. Harry C. Brodie, M.P. for the Reigate Division of Surrey, and Miss Mabel Milburne Hart, of 38 Cadogan Place. The service was conducted by the Bishop of Hereford, assisted by Archbishop Daniel, Canon H. Henson, and the Rev. Philip Blackway. Sir Robert Hart gave away his daughter, who wore a gown of white satin trimmed with gold and English point lace. Her train was carried by Master Jack and Miss Gill Lucas-Scudamore. There were seven bridesmaids—the Misses Vera and Hilda de Vere Beauclerk, the Misses Mildred and Gladys Brodie, Miss Cunyngnam, Miss Lucas-Tooth, and Miss Durham—who wore blue chaperone and black velvet hats, the design of the dresses being copied from a picture of Romney. Major Church was best man.

Among those present were the Japanese Ambassador and Mlle. Kato, the Belgian Minister and Countess de Lalage, the Norwegian Minister, the Argentine Minister and Mlle. Dominguez, the Peruvian Chargé d'Affaires, Mrs. Cloman, M. and Mme. Goch (Danish Legation), Jockheer A. van der Goot (Netherlands Legation), Mr. and Mrs. Yama (Japanese Embassy), Mr. John Burns, M.P., Lord and Lady Abinger, Lord and Lady Farrer, the Dowager Lady Blois and Miss Blois, Brigadier-General and the Hon. Mrs. Revely Mitford, the Hon. Ada St. Clair, Lady Adair, Lady Kathleen Gausson and Miss Gausson, Lady Ellison, Sir Francis and Lady Palmer, Sir Ralph Knox, Lady Fanshawe, Lady Duke, Sir Hugh Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Boggie-Rolle, Lady and Miss Ashmead-Bartlet, Beatrice Lady Ellenborough, Mr. Somerville, M.P., Mr. Heneker Heaton, M.P., Mrs. and Miss Heneker Heaton, Sir Wyndham and Lady Mounsey, Lady De Kintzen, Mrs. Christie Miller, Mr. W. Pearce, M.P., Mrs. Robert Jardine, Admiral Sir Cyria Bridge, Mr. and Mrs. McCormick Goodheart, Mr. and the Hon. Mrs. F. Fuller Maitland, Admiral Stewart, Lady Pontifex, Captain Cecil Norton, M.P., and Mrs. Norton, Lady Hart, Mr. Byles, M.P., and Mr. and the Hon. Mrs. Robert Donner.

After the reception, held at Claridge's Hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Brodie left for the Continent.

COMMERCIAL.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Belling.	
London—Bank T.T.	100/10
Do. demand	97/10
Do. 4 months' sight	97/10
France—Bank T.T.	244/1
America—Bank T.T.	49/1
Germany—Bank T.T.	182/1
India T.T.	132/1
Do. demand	132/1
Shanghai—Bank T.T.	75/1
Singapore—Bank T.T. per H.K. Stoo	75/1
Japan—Bank T.T.	87/1
Java—Bank T.T.	107/1
Buying.	
4 months' sight L/O	109/15/6
6 months' sight L/O	109/15/6
30 days' sight San Francisco & New York	44/1
4 months' sight do.	44/1
30 days' sight Sydney & Melbourne	110/1/10
4 months' sight Fran.	110/1/10
6 months' sight do.	110/1/10
4 months' sight Germany	110/1/10
Bar Silver	24/1/6
Gold of England rate	144/1
Sovereign	117/1/6

At a sale of foreign postage stamps at the Argyl Galleries, W., on 26th ult., by Messrs. Glendinning and Co., a China, August 1897, 5 dollars green and rose mint, fetched 21/10.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

THE STORY OF A BOY'S SEDUCTION.

Before Mr. Justice Gompertz, Puisne Judge, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, Chun Fok was charged with detaining a 15-year-old boy with intent to sell. Hon. Mr. F. A. Hargreaves, Acting Attorney-General, instructed by Mr. H. L. Debnys, from the Crown Solicitor's office, appeared for the Crown. The prisoner was undefended.

The following were the jury:—Messrs. L. G. Bird (foreman), H. L. W. Koiten, E. D. Haskell, O. el Arculli, E. B. Fye, L. G. Jolly and K. D. Mistry.

The Attorney-General stated that the prisoner was charged with detaining a certain person by force and against his will. He proposed to call a boy aged fifteen, who would say that he was brought over from Canton and taken to a house at No. 44, Bridges Street, where he was kept for seven days. The terms "by force" used in the charge practically amounted to intimidation. While the boy was there, he was always watched and he could not run away on account of the fact that he was always watched. Prisoner subsequently sold the boy to some people and received a certain sum of money for him.

The boy went into the witness-box, where he stated that he was tempted to come into the Colony because he was told that he could earn sixty or seventy cents a day.

A verdict of "not guilty" was returned and the prisoner was discharged.

PURSE-SNATCHING IN YOKOHAMA.

A FOREIGN LADY ASSAILED ON THE CREEK-SIDE.

On Wednesday afternoon, about 5 o'clock, as Mrs. Greenough, wife of an American army officer, was proceeding along the creek-side, Yokohama, a Japanese jumped out from the debris of the recent fire at Messrs. Varnum, Arnold & Co.'s premises and snatched at her reticule, which was secured to the lady's wrist by a chain twisted three times around. Though surprised by the attempt, says the *Japan Gazette*, Mrs. Greenough did not make any outcry, but pluckily resisted the marauder, and thrust him off with her hand, upon one finger of which she wore a heavy ring which possibly found his forehead. The cowardly miscreant in return struck the lady forcibly on the chest, nearly causing her to fall into the creek. Indeed the fellow evidently thought that he had forced her into the water, and, fearing results, took to his heels. Mrs. Greenough was enabled to return to her hotel, without loss of property, but her nerves had naturally received a severe shock.

The police would do well to be on their guard against these light-fingered gentry, whose particular prey seems to be unprotected women. In this case it is possible that some clue to the footpad may exist in the scratch apparently inflicted on his forehead by the victim's ring, but so far as known he is still at large. Foreign ladies, too, should be careful about walking along the poorly lighted streets in the twilight or after night-fall, unprotected. We understand that Mrs. Greenough happened to have a considerable sum of money in her reticule on this occasion, besides wearing valuable jewellery, and she will be congratulated in having saved them by her courage and presence of mind.

Events Coming.

Wednesday, 22nd December.
Theatre Royal, A Grand Minstrel Performance, by the Minstrel Troupe of the U.S. Navy Cruiser *West Virginia*, 9 p.m.

Thursday, 23rd December.
Hughes and Hough, Xmas Toys sale, 2.30 p.m.

Auction of Crowns Land at the Public Works Department's Office, 3 p.m.

Theatre Royal, A Grand Minstrel Performance, by the Minstrel Troupe of the U.S. Navy Cruiser *West Virginia*, 9 p.m.

Friday, 24th December.
Geo. P. Lammer, Raw Silk sale at the Hongkong and Kowloon Godown Co.'s Godown No. 18, 11 a.m.

Hongkong Football Challenge Shield Meeting, at the Y.M.C.A., Alexandra Building, 5.30 p.m.

Boxing at City Hall, Police Ball.

Saturday, 25th December.
Public Holiday.
Cricket Matches.

Monday, 27th December.
Public Holiday.
Police Recreation Club, Children Sports, at Happy Valley, 4 p.m.

Theatre Royal, Bandmann Comedy Co., "The Early Worm," 9 p.m.

Tuesday, 28th December.
Hughes and Hough, Auction sale of Sundries, etc., at H.M. Naval Establishments, to 2 p.m.

Theatre Royal, Bandmann Comedy Co., "The Best People," 9 p.m.

Wednesday, 29th December.
Hughes and Hough, Auction sale of Sundries, etc., at H.M. Naval Establishments, to 2 p.m.

Campbell, Moore and Co., Ltd., Annual Meeting, at the Company's Office, 14, Des Voeux Road, Central, First Floor, at Noon.

Theatre Royal, Bandmann Comedy Co., "Facing the Music," 9 p.m.

Thursday, 30th December.
China Light and Power Co., Ltd., Extraordinary General Meeting, at the offices of Messrs. Shaw, Thomas & Co., 3 p.m.

Hughes and Hough, Public Auction, "Rio Lina" late grubstak. At the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.'s Docks, Hongkong, 5 p.m.

St. George's Club, General Meeting, with offices of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, St. George's Building, 5.30 p.m.

Theatre Royal, Bandmann Comedy Co., "A Pair of Spectacles," 9 p.m.

To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), the 23rd December, 1909, at 11 A.M., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, corner of Ice House Street, SUNDRY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, ALSO

ONE IRON SAFE. TERMS:—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers. Hongkong, 22nd December, 1909. (869)

S.S. "OCEANIC." COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. NOTICE.

CONSIGNERS of Cargo from London ex s.s. *Medoc* and *Atatapa*, from Havre ex s.s. *Maiphan*, and from Bordeaux ex s.s. *Ville de Dunkerque*, in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risk in the bonded and or ex-tax warehouse of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. at Kowloon where delivery may be obtained immediately after landing. Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before TO-DAY, at 2 P.M., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned, Goods remaining unclaimed after WEDNESDAY, the 23rd December, at Noon will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 23rd December or they will not be recognized. All damaged packages will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd December, at 3 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. THOMAS, Agent. Hongkong, 21st December, 1909.

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By Order, THE MANAGER, Hongkong Telegraph Co., Ltd. (869)

THEATRE ROYAL. UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, SIR FREDERICK LUGARD, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., C.B.

GRAND MINSTREL PERFORMANCE.

BY THE MINSTREL TROUPE OF THE U.S. CRUISER "WEST VIRGINIA" AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

TO-NIGHT and TO-MORROW, the 22nd and 23rd December, AT 8 P.M.

TICKETS.....\$1, \$2 & 5. Proceeds in aid of the Chinese Y.M.C.A.

Booking at S. MOUTRIE'S. Hongkong, 22nd December, 1909. (843)

Monday, 27th December. Public Holiday.

Police Recreation Club, Children Sports, at Happy Valley, 4 p.m.

Theatre Royal, Bandmann Comedy Co., "The Early Worm," 9 p.m.

Tuesday, 28th December. Hughes and Hough, Auction sale of Sundries, etc., at H.M. Naval Establishments, to 2 p.m.

Theatre Royal, Bandmann Comedy Co., "The Best People," 9 p.m.

Wednesday, 29th December. Hughes and Hough, Auction sale of Sundries, etc., at H.M. Naval Establishments, to 2 p.m.

Campbell, Moore and Co., Ltd., Annual Meeting, at the Company's Office, 14, Des Voeux Road, Central, First Floor, at Noon.

Theatre Royal, Bandmann Comedy Co., "Facing the Music," 9 p.m.

Thursday, 30th December. China Light and Power Co., Ltd., Extraordinary General Meeting, at the offices of Messrs. Shaw, Thomas & Co., 3 p.m.

Hughes and Hough, Public Auction, "Rio Lina" late grubstak. At the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.'s Docks, Hongkong, 5 p.m.

St. George's Club, General Meeting, with offices of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, St. George's Building, 5.30 p.m.

Theatre Royal, Bandmann Comedy Co., "A Pair of Spectacles," 9 p.m.

Friday, 31st December. Hughes and Hough, Auction sale of Sundries, etc., at H.M. Naval Establishments, to 2 p.m.

Campbell, Moore and Co., Ltd., Annual Meeting, at the Company's Office, 14, Des Voeux Road, Central, First Floor, at Noon.

Theatre Royal, Bandmann Comedy Co., "Facing the Music," 9 p.m.

Saturday, 1st January. Public Holiday.

Police Recreation Club, Children Sports, at Happy Valley, 4 p.m.

Theatre Royal, Bandmann Comedy Co., "The Early Worm," 9 p.m.

Sunday, 2nd January. Public Holiday.

Police Recreation Club, Children Sports, at Happy Valley, 4 p.m.

Theatre Royal, Bandmann Comedy Co., "The Early Worm," 9 p.m.

Monday, 3rd January. Public Holiday.

Police Recreation Club, Children Sports, at Happy Valley, 4 p.m.

Intimations.

Soured Milk.

Specially prepared from pure cultures of selected lactic ferments.

26 Cents per pint.

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Hongkong, 16th December, 1909. (8416)

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"MONTEAGLE" TUESDAY, FEB. 13TH.	"EMPRESS OF IRELAND" FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA" SATURDAY, FEB. 26TH.	"EMPRESS OF IRELAND" FRIDAY, APRIL 23RD.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN" SATURDAY, MAR. 26TH.	"EMPRESS OF IRELAND" FRIDAY, MAY 20TH.
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(PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

For	Steamship	On
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOI	"KUTSANG"	FRIDAY, 24th Dec., 3 P.M.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & CHIN-WANTAO	"CHIPSHING"	FRIDAY, 24th Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	FRIDAY, 24th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"LIENSHING"	SATURDAY, 25th Dec., 11 P.M.
SOURABAYA	"CHUNSHANG"	TUESDAY, 28th Dec., 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KUNSHANG"	FRIDAY, 31st Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	FRIDAY, 31st Dec., 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KUNSHANG"	WEDNESDAY, 1st Jan., Noon.

FOR THE MANILA CARNIVAL—Feb. 5th to 14th 1910.

A Special reduced fare of \$50 for Return Passengers will be issued for our Sailings to Manila of the 28th January, and 4th February, available for 30 days from date of issue. Passengers taking out these tickets are exempt from the Head Tax.

Steamers have superior accommodation for First-class Passengers, and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

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Hongkong, 21st December, 1909

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
CEBU & ILOILO	"KAPOK"	23rd Dec., Daylight.
SHANGHAI	"PAOING"	23rd " 4 P.M.
CHINKIANG	"KANGHONG"	24th " 4 P.M.
NINGPO & SHANGHAI	"CHIHCHUA"	26th " Daylight.
SHANGHAI	"TAMING"	28th " 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	30th " 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"ANHUI"	2nd Jan., Daylight.
MANILA	"TEAN"	4th " 3 P.M.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA and USUAL AUSTRALIAN PORTS	"CHANGSHA"	8th " 4 P.M.

Reduced Saloon Fares, single and return, to Manila and Australian Ports.

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HONGKONG—MANILA.

CHINA AND MANILA

STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship.	Tons.	Captain.	For	Sailing Date.
RUBI	1540	R. W. Almond	MANILA	FRIDAY, 24th Dec., at 5 P.M.
ZAFIRO	1540	R. Rogers	"	SATURDAY, 1st Jan., 4

For Freight or Passage, apply to

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Shipping—Steamers.

SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE FOR

CALLAO, IQUIQUE, VALPARAISO, Etc., via MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU, MANZANILLO and SALINA CRUZ (Mexico).

S.S. KIYO MARU	9,500 tons gross	Sail Feb. 26th, 1910, at Noon.
S.S. BUYO MARU	6,500	" April 27th, 1910, at Noon.
S.S. AMERICA MARU	6,000	"

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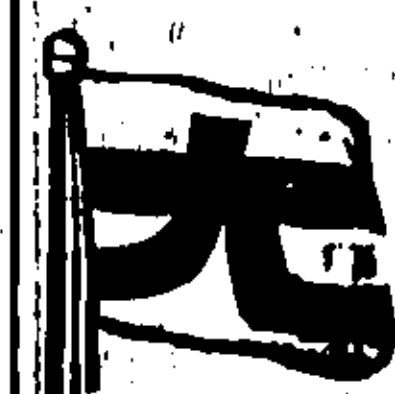
N. YAMADA,

Acting Manager.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA, King's Building.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1909.

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OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

REGULAR SERVICE, PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(Subject to Alteration.)

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

Connecting at TACOMA with

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For	Steamers	G. Tonnage	Leaves
TACOMA via MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"SEATTLE MARU"	6,182	FRIDAY, 21st Jan., 1910, at Noon.
	Capt. T. Saito		

The Co.'s newly built steamers have fair speed. Superior accommodation for steerage passengers situated AMIDSHIP. A limited number of Cabin passengers carried at low rates. Best adapted rooms for carrying Silk, Treasure and Parcels. Special attention given towards Express connection.

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For	Steamers	Leaves
SHANGHAI via SWATOW, AMOY and FOOCHEW	"CHOSHUN MARU"	THURSDAY, 23rd Dec., at Daylight.
	Captain T. Suroga	
TAMUI, SWATOW & AMOY.	"DAIJUN MARU"	SUNDAY, 26th Dec., at 10 A.M.
	Captain Y. Kaburaki	
TAKAO (Direct)	"SHIBATORO MARU"	About the 26th December.
	Captain S. Atsumi	

Fair speed. Superior passenger accommodation. Electric light throughout. First class cuisine.

The newly built steamers: "CHOJU MARU" and "BUJUN MARU"—First class Cabins AMIDSHIP.

For information of Freight, Passages, Sailings, etc., apply at the Co.'s Local Branch Office at Second Floor, No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1909.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS	STEAMERS	SAILING DATES, 1909
MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP	"TANGO MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 1st Jan., at Daylight.
	Capt. A. Christiansen, Tons 8000	
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID	"KAMO MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 10th Jan., at Daylight.
	Capt. F. L. Sommer, Tons 9000	
	"AKI MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 2nd Feb., at Daylight.
	Capt. K. Sato, Tons 7000	
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE	"AWAMARU"	WEDNESDAY, 10th Jan., from YOKOHAMA.
	Capt. A. Keith, Tons 6500	
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE	"SANUKI MARU"	SATURDAY, 29th Jan., from KOBE.
	Capt. K. Hamma, Tons 6500	
SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE AND BRISBANE	"KUMANO MARU"	FRIDAY, 24th Dec., at Noon.
	Capt. M. Winckler, Tons 6000	
	"YAWATA MARU"	FRIDAY, 21st Jan., at Noon.
	Capt. T. Setine, Tons 6000	
NAGASAKI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"ATSUTA MARU"	FRIDAY, 14th Jan., at Noon.
	Capt. Wm. Thompson, Tons 9000	
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"NIKKO MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 10th Jan., at Noon.
	Capt. M. Vag, Tons 6000	
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"TANBAIMARU"	FRIDAY, 24th Dec., at 5 P.M.
	Capt. C. H. Butler, Tons 6500	
MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"AKI MARU"	FRIDAY, 24th Dec., Noon.
	Capt. K. Sato, Tons 7000	
SHANGHAI, MOJI AND KOBE	"TOTOMI MARU"	TUESDAY, 4th January.
	Capt. R. Smith, Tons 4500	
BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE AND COLOMBO	"TAKESAKI MARU"	TUESDAY, 18th December.
	Capt. A. Mocker, Tons 5000	

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For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, etc., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Buildings, First Floor, Chater Road.

T. KUSUMOTO,

Manager.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1909.

Shipping—Steamer

THE "SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS. LIMITED.

PASSENGER SERVICE TO LONDON & ANTWERP.

THE Steamers

"PEMBROKESHIRE" (late "Sogura") & "OARMARTHENSHIRE" Offering superior accommodation for First-class Passengers, will be despatched from Hongkong as above on or about end of January and beginning of March respectively.

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For further particulars apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,

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Hongkong, 13th December, 1909.

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THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM

FOR

STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, FLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN and SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship

"DELTA,"

Captain B. W. H. Snow, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, etc., on SATURDAY, the 25th December, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports in connection with the Company's S.S. "Mora," 11,000 tons, from Colombo, Passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the Mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London, other Cargo for London, etc., will be conveyed via Bombay by the R.M.S. "Delti," due in London on 19th February, 1910.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWITT,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1909.

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THE BANK LINE, LIMITED.

Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Overland Common Points in the United States of America and Canada, and also for the principal ports in Mexico, and Central and South America.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG

FOR

VANCOUVER, B.C., TACOMA & SEATTLE

VIA

MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamer	Tons	Captain	Sailing Date
Buero	6,212	S. Shotton	13th Jan.
Ocean	4,657	F. W. Davies	10th Feb.
Rumour	6,212	J. Maible	10th March
Aymur	4,353	J. Boyd	7th April

These steamers are specially fitted for the carriage of Asiatic Steerage passengers.

PARCEL EXPRESS TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

For further information, apply to

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,

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Queen's Buildings,

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1909.

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"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"DENBIGHSHIRE,"

Captain W. Barrett, will be despatched as above on or about 26th December.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 30th November, 1909.

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STEAM TO CANTON.

THE New Twin Screw Steel Steamers

"KWONG TUNG"

"KWONG SAI"

Leave Hongkong for Canton at 9 every evening, (Saturday excepted).

Leave Canton for Hongkong at 5.30 every evening, (Sunday excepted).

These fast Steamers, owned by Chinese capitalists and Officer by Europeans, are second to none on the River. Excellent accommodation for eighteen First Class Passengers. The Steamers are lit throughout by Electricity. Electric Fans in State Rooms.

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No. 4, Queen's Road, W.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1909.

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FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Rangoon, Madras and Mauritius.

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR,"

Capt. G. F. Hudson, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 24th December, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON & Co., LIMITED,

Agents.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1909.

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REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK,

SHIPPING AND MAILS

MAILS DUE
English (Dutch) 23rd Inst. 1909.
German (Dutch) 23rd Inst.
Canadian (Dutch) 23rd Inst.
The Bank Line's *Saville* left Moji on 22nd inst. and is due at this port on 27th inst.
The C. N. Co.'s *Chama* left Shanghai on 23rd inst. and is due here on 26th inst.
The I. C. S. N. Co.'s *Kyushu* from Calcutta and the *Straits* left Singapore for this port on 20th inst.
The Imperial German Mail s.s. *Prinz Ludwig*, which left here on 18th inst. at 1 p.m. arrived at Singapore to-day, at 7 a.m.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.
Oceano, Fr. s.s., 2,530 H. Seller, 21st Dec.
—Marseilles 21st Nov., and Saigon 18th Dec. Mails and Gen.—M. M.
Bedford, Br. s.s., 2,500 E. S. 2nd Dec.
—Fitz Herbert, 21st Dec.—S. M. T. 18th Dec.
Franklin, Br. s.s., 3,161 W. F. Spill, 21st Dec.
—Philadelphia via Durban 20th Nov.
Case Oil.—S. O. Co.
Halman, Br. s.s., 614 J. W. Evans, 21st Dec.
—Swatow 20th Dec. Gen.—D. L. & Co.
Carl Diederichsen, Ger. s.s., 274 J. Kayser, 21st Dec.
—Haiphong and Hoibow 20th Dec. Gen.—J. & Co.
Frit, Nor. s.s., 869 G. Warle, 21st Dec.
—Haiphong 19th Dec. Rice.—Aagaard, Thoresen & Co.
Aymeric, Br. s.s., 3,782 J. Boyd, 21st Dec.
—Manila 18th Dec. Gen.—D. L. & Co.
Halyang, Br. s.s., 1,365 A. E. Hodgins, 21st Dec.
—Swatow 21st Dec. Gen.—D. L. & Co.
Nam Sang, Br. s.s., 2,591 P. M. B. Lake, 22nd Dec.
—Yokohama via Kobe and Moji 17th Dec. Gen.—J. M. & Co.
Kwangle, Chi. s.s., 1,469 G. Froberg, 22nd Dec.
—Shanghai 19th Dec. Gen.—C. M. & S. N. Co.
Prenn, Nor. s.s., 746 Christiansen, 22nd Dec.
—Davao 16th Dec. Brans.—Aagaard, Thoresen & Co.
Chinhuu, Br. s.s., 1,350 J. Brown, 22nd Dec.
—Shanghai 19th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.
Dallin, Mar. s.s., 900 V. Kaburaki, 22nd Dec.
—Swatow 21st Dec. Tea, Sulphur and Gen.—S. O. S. K.
Kohichang, Ger. s.s., 1,392 O. Scheidling, 22nd Dec.
—Bangkok 19th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.
Frit, Nor. s.s., 869 G. Warle, 22nd Dec.
—Haiphong 19th Dec. Rice.—Aagaard, Thoresen & Co.
Michael, Ger. s.s., 95 J. Petersen, 22nd Dec.
—Chefoo 16th Dec. Beans.—J. & Co.
Tingsang, Br. s.s., 1,045 R. V. Anderson, 22nd Dec.
—Wuhu and Chinkiang 18th Dec. Gen.—J. M. & Co.
Tijmab, Dut. s.s., 2,469 J. N. Boumann, 22nd Dec.
—from Moji, Gen.—J. C. J. L.
Linn, Br. s.s., 1,352 C. G. Williams, 22nd Dec.
—Canton 21st Dec. Gen.—B. & S.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.
Oceano, for Shanghai.
Cao sang, for Ningpo.
Telmachuk, for Shanghai.
Denny, for Saigon.
Yushun, for Shanghai.
Kwangle, for Canton.
Chikhi, for Singapore.
Halman, for Swatow.
Kaifong, for Amoy.
Hoi-Fook, for Kwong-chow-wai.
Shimizu, for Singapore.
Chikua, for Canton.
Aymeric, for Singapore.
DEPARTURES.
Dec. 21.
Hirano Maru, for Colombo.
Yavata Maru, for Nagasaki.
Sohu Maru, for Swatow.
Sengai, for Hoibow.
Shimizu, for Singapore.
Kunichow, for Canton.
Kiang Ping, for Canton.
Asanaka, for Canton.
Chiyang, for Shanghai.
Oceano, for Shanghai.
Kaifong, for Hoibow.
Chikhi, for Singapore.
Telmachuk, for Saigon.
Yushun, for Yokohama.
Yushun, for Shanghai.
PER HAIYANG, FROM SWATOW.—Mr. Huxon, Mrs. Barentzen, Messrs. Lush, Mackinnon, Capt. Meilie, and 124 Chinese.
PER OCEANO, FOR HONGKONG FROM MARTELLAS.—Mr. Lyle, Messrs. Duff and A. Jochran, from Colombo—Messrs. D. Hossangos, D. Goller, Mrs. Farner, Mr. William, Mr. and Mrs. Young, Loo, and 27 Chinese. From Singapore—Messrs. Goudreau, Hasoull, Mr. Shun Ting, Miss Kelly, Messrs. Johnson and Tong Hui, from Saigon—Messrs. Lila, Sanderloman, Marian, Tam Thai, Keapion, and 234 Chinese. For Shanghai from Martellias—Mr. Farner, Mrs. Chapman, Messrs. Davenas, Fladere, Zuzon, Ferraty, Vincent, Larrat, Chiot, Souris, Mr. and Mrs. Urbain and infant, Mrs. Farille, Messrs. Pory and Dalsat. From Colombo—Messrs. Fitch, Meira, Telati and J. B. Talati. From Saigon—Mrs. Barcan, and Mr. B. P. Giran. For Kobe from Singapore—Mr. Tounyama, Miss Kito, and Mr. and Mrs. Nishimura. For Yokohama from Martellias—Messrs. Flapay and Delahaye. From Singapore—Mr. Ramchind. From Saigon—Messrs. Gionyburger and d'Avraya. From Martellias—Mr. Fogliago.
PER CHIKUA, FROM SHANGHAI.—Major and Mrs. Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie, and Mr. Hui-sai.
PER OCEANO, FROM LONDON, E.C.—Dr. and Mrs. C. Goudreau, Miss B. Webb, Messrs. Derby, R. Kluera, S. Mayeda, Mrs. W. T. Byssel, Messrs. M. Watanabe, J. Murai, J. Harada, G. Hattimoto, H. Wada, M. Kanaki, Miss Mary R. Jay, J. Suzuki, R. Furukawa, K. Gakina, Kurie Kurama, Miss M. Doyle, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson and child, Messrs. M. C. Mosgoel, Leung Kwong Hoi, Major Macphail, Sydney Stafford, Capt. and Mrs. Ingram, Messrs. S. Gomas, O. Fujio, W. Williams, Callinan, Paris, Pykers, M. Kitazaki, K. Waki, Yoshit, T. Hasekawa, O. Ishibashi, U. Kondo, K. Atsuhira, T. Mitani, Mr. and Mrs. Pykers, Miss Pykers, and Major Pykers.

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Shipping Delay.
The *Prinz Ludwig*, from Marcellas, 22.—Fine weather.
The *Oceano*, from Marcellas, 22.—Fine weather.
The *Aymeric*, from Manila.—Strong monsoon, 22nd and 23rd inst.
The *Halyang*, from Swatow.—Fresh N.E. breeze and fine weather.

From December 22nd to 28th, 1909.
HIGH WATER.
Low Water.
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STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT		LAST DIVIDEND.	APPROXIMATE RETURN AT PRESENT QUOTATION BASED ON LAST YEAR'S DIV.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
				RESERVE.	AT WORKING ACCOUNT.			
BANKS.								
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	120,000	\$125	\$125	\$1,500,000 \$150,000 \$1,350,000	\$2,007,819	Interim of £2 for account 1909 @ ex 1/4 = \$2.72	4 %	\$995 buyers {London 99 1/2}
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	7	6	\$4,000 \$3,000	\$30,552	\$2 (London 3/6) for 1903	...	\$65 buyers
MARINE INSURANCES.								
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$350	\$50	\$1,500,000 \$254,581 \$1,245,419	none	\$10 for 1908	7 %	\$145 sellers
North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	15	65	Tls. 22,150 Tls. 115,000 Tls. 137,150	Tls. 207,573	Final of 7/6 making 15/- for 1908	...	Tls. 122 1/2
Union Insurance Society of Canton	12,400	\$350	\$100	\$1,000,000 \$112,348 \$887,652	\$8,464,901	Final of \$17 making \$47 for 1907 and interim of \$30 for 1908	5 1/2 %	\$295 sellers
Yankee Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$0	\$1,000,000 \$294,405 \$705,595	\$7,707,637	\$12 and bonus \$3 for 1907	7 %	\$230
FIRE.								
China Fire Insurance Company,	70,000	\$100	\$10	\$1,000,000 \$438,660 \$561,340	\$375,341	\$6 and bonus \$2 for 1907	7 %	\$118
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	8,000	\$150	\$50	\$1,000,000 \$139,101 \$860,899	\$568,711	\$27 for 1907	7 1/2 %	\$370 sellers
SHIPPING.								
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	30,000	\$25	\$15	\$7,000	\$1,035	\$1 for 1906	...	\$8 sellers
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	20,000	\$50	\$50	\$50,000 \$100,000 \$100,000	Nil	2 1/2 for year ending 30.6.1908	...	\$35
Hongkong, Canton & Amoy Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$20,000 \$107,100 \$127,100	\$21,170	Interim of \$1 1/2 for account 1909	7 1/2 %	\$32 sales
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Preferred)	60,000	£5	£5	£10,000 £140,000 £150,000	£13,755	6/- for 1907 on Preference shares only @ ex 1/9 11/16 = \$3.154	...	\$63 buyers
Do. (Deferred)	60,000			£10,000 £140,000 £150,000		Final of 2/- for 1908 and interim of 1/- for 1909	...	67/6 buyers
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	2,000,000	£1	£1	£10,000 £10,000 £10,000	£69,817	\$1.00 for year ending 10.4.1909	4 %	\$26 buyers
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	\$10,000 \$48,500	\$2,121	\$0.50 for year ending 10.4.1909	3 1/2 %	\$14 1/2
REFINERIES.								
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	\$50,000 \$50,000	Dr. \$5,558	\$5 for year ending 31.12.08	3 1/2 %	\$157
Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	\$1	\$100	none	Dr. \$135,891	\$3 for 1897	...	\$21 sellers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000	Tls. 5	Tls. 50	Tls. 100,000	Tls. 602	Tls. 10 for year ending 31.8.09	...	Tls. 335 buyers
MINING.								
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd.	4,000,000	£1	£1	£100,000				
Raub Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited	350,000	£1	18/10	£100,000 £100,000	£143	Final of 1/6 making 3/- for 1909	7 %	Tls. 19.10 b.
Do.	50,000	£1	£1	£100,000	Dr. £3,191	No. 12 of 1/- = 8 cents	...	\$7 1/2 sellers
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.								
Fenwick (Geo.) & Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$1,000	Dr. \$7,421	\$1.75 for year ending 31.12.08	...	£12
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$55	\$50	\$550,000 \$10,800 \$539,200	\$10,102	None	...	\$61 sellers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd.	50,000	\$5	\$50	\$88,442 \$122,000 \$10,000	\$145,162	Interim of \$1 1/2 for account 1909	...	\$52 sellers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 60,000 Tls. 50,000 Tls. 10,000	Tls. 6,261	Final of Tls. 2 1/2 for year ending 30.4.09	6 1/2 %	Tls. 761 sales
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company, Limited	36,000	Tls. 1	Tls. 100	Tls. 125,000	Tls. 22,818	Final of Tls. 6 making Tls. 10 for 1908	7 %	Tls. 128 sales
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.								
Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd.	25,000	Tls. 1	Tls. 100	Tls. 25,000	Tls. 4,134	Tls. 6 for year ending 29.2.09	5 1/2 %	Tls. 105 buyers
Central Stores, Limited	50,123	\$15	\$15	\$1,000	Tls. 24,611	\$1.20 on old and 60 cents on first new issue	...	\$17 sellers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	8,000	\$50	\$25	\$50,000 \$548,971 \$598,971	\$19,272	Interim of \$2.40 on old and 40 cents on new shares for account 1909	...	\$77 1/2 buyers
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$1	\$1	\$10,000 \$24,171 \$34,171	\$26,475	Interim of 3/- for account 1909	6 1/2 %	\$102 buyers
Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited	150,000	\$1	\$10	\$10,000 \$24,171 \$34,171	\$5,486	60 cents for 1908	7 1/2 %	\$3 1/2 sales
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000	\$50						

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